GENERAL SUMMARY OF DEFICIENCIES AND DEFALCATIONS.

Year.	Total deficiency shown by entries on payments during the year.	Coupons.	Tax, land sales, etc.
1853	$ 372 00	$ 372 00	....
1854	1,731 34	1,001 60	....
1855	2,178 00	2,178 00	....
1856	2,244 00	2,244 00	....
1857	1,392 00	1,392 00	....
1858	1,740 15	1,740 15	....
1859	144 00	144 00	....
1860	1,132 00	1,132 00	....
1861	601 10	601 00	....
1862	325 80	204 00	121 50
1863	786 85	84 00	702 85
1864	223 40	24 00	199 40
1865	569 06	24 00	545 06
1866	561 84	24 00	537 84
1867	62 92	24 00	38 92
1868	1,890 03	1,872 12	17 91
1869	1,912 94	1,653 12	259 82
1870	1,627 08	1,507 00	120 08
1871	814 19	24 00	57 11
1872	43 99	24 00	19 99
1873	59 83	24 00	35 83
1874	25,271 45	12 06	8 03
1875	714 32	700 00	14 32
1876	7,012 25	889 63	10 80
1877	162 60	121 20	41 40
1878	540 00	....	40 09
1879	5,062 25	....	37 70
1880	24 50	....	24 50
1881	22,444 92	20 00	....
1882	756 20	....	....
	$82,401 29	$18,035 82	$28,133 42

AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

In 1854 a deficiency of $729.74 occurred through an overdraft of 1852 in Gore Bank.

In 1860 the deficiency of $1,132 included coupons on debentures previously paid.

In 1871 an interest charge of $733.08 was made which should have been debited to the year following, and in which it was also charged.

In 1874 the deficiency of $25,271.45 includes an $18,000 bill payable, a $400 debenture, and the sum of $6,851.42 deducted from the debenture account.

In 1876 the deficiency included a $6,000 erroneous entry in the bank account, and a deficit of $112.20 in the hospital account.

In 1878 and 1879 a deficiency of $500 in each year was shown in the county of Middlesex account.

In 1880 there was a false entry in the bank account of $4,524.49.

In 1881 the ascertained shortage in cash and bank accounts was $22,274.92, together with an error in bank interest of $150.

In 1882 there was a deficiency in the mortgage account of $112.26, and a further shortage in the same account of $643.94.

The total of these sundry deficiencies was $41,532.05.

CREDITS OMITTED.

In the year 1855 the late Chamberlain omitted to credit himself with the payment of $120 on coupons.

In 1857 there was a short charge of $2.20.

In 1868 a tax account entry of $32.87 was charged twice.

In 1870 a similar mistake of $2.24 was made by him, and he also neglected to credit himself with $869.80 on coupons, and in the year following he made a similar omission, the amount being $349.30.

In 1874 there was a difference in the bank entries of $86.85 in his favor, and a tax account entry of $2.20 was made twice.

In 1881 an item of $337.36 interest not entered was discovered together with sundry sums, amounting to $101.14, paid by him, were not credited.

The total amount of credits omitted by the late Treasurer was $1,903.96.

RECAPITULATION.

The net balance of deficiency and defalcations ascertained to the close of May, 1882, was ...	$80,497 33
Since that time a further sum has been discovered to his credit of	559 98
Making the total defalcation	$79,937 35

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the report the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Ald. Hyman, explained that the reason the accounts had been audited in three sections in this way was on account of sureties held by the city. There were three sureties—one for the period from 1852 to 1869, another from that time till 1881, and a third for the balance of the time.

In response to questions by Ald. Hyman, Mr. Jewell replied that he had found a book called a debenture book, but it was not possible to keep a correct record by it. The checks signed to the bank were mostly signed by the Mayor and Treasurer. There had been some audit of the cash account, but it had not been brought to a final verification. He noticed in the tax book in one or two years where a few marks were shown, otherwise it did not appear to have been touched. There was a good deal of manipulation of the rolls after they had been returned. In 1874 and 1881, when the accounts had been charged, he would have found it easier to discover the errors than at other times.

Ald. Murray asked if it was possible for the auditors to have audited the books properly and to have found mistakes. His question created a laugh.

Ald. Minhinnick asked if it was possible

for the auditors to have done their work properly and not have found out these mistakes, and Mr. Jewell answered that he did not think so.

Ald. Hyman rose to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Jewell, for the efficient manner in which he had carried out the work. He did not believe there was another man in London who could have done it in the same way, and complimented Mr. Jewell highly.

The motion was seconded by Ald. Boyd, and carried unanimously.

Ald. Hyman asked if steps could not be taken to recover the amount of the three sureties of the late Chamberlain held by the Council.

Moved by Ald. Hyman, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the report be referred to the City Solicitor, with instructions to take the necessary steps to collect the amount of the surety bonds from the sureties of the late Treasurer. Carried.

RAILWAY TALK.

Ald Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that a by-law be passed rescinding the by-law granting free right of way to the London Junction Railway Company, passed at the last meeting of this Council.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that, whereas on the 11th day of December this Council did pass a by-law granting to the London Junction the right of way for their track over certain streets named in said by-law; and whereas this Council did further pass a resolution, pledging so far as they were able compensation to the property holders who might be

Alderman Browne moved, seconded by Ald. Minhinnick, in amendment to the amendment, that the by-law passed at the meeting of this Council held on the 27th of November, 1882, giving the London Junction Railway Company the privilege of constructing or laying their track along part of Maitland, Colborne and Bathurst streets, be rescinded.

The Chairman ruled Ald. Browne's amendment out of order.

The vote was then taken on the amendment, which was carried :—

Yeas—Hunt, Birrell, Hyman, Murray, O'Meara, Beattie, Ferguson, Boyd, Buckle, Macbeth, Peel.—11.

Nays.—Pritchard, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Higgins, Browne, Sharman, Becher.—

Ald. Taylor then moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that a by-law be prepared on the three by-laws giving certain privileges to the London Junction Railway, passed at the last meeting of the Council, and be submitted to the ratepayers, at the time of holding the municipal elections, for ratification.

able to show injury to have been done to their property in consequence of said railway running on the streets named in said by-law; and whereas in the opinion of this Council a more equitable and preferable mode of procedure would be the paying of a bonus to said company (providing such action would have the effect of keeping the railway from running along the streets) —*Be it therefore resolved* that a by-law be prepared and submitted to this Council at its next meeting granting a bonus of $30,000 to the London Junction Railway, and containing the following provisions :—(1) Said bonus to be granted on condition that should the assent of the necessary majority of those properly entitled to vote on this question be obtained and the permission to pay such bonus be granted by the Legislature the by-law granting the right of way over the streets be repealed ; (2) That debentures at twenty years be issued for payment of said bonus, and that a sinking fund sufficient to pay said amount at maturity with the interest required be raised each year by a special rate on the dollar on the assessment of the city ; and further *Be it resolved* that said by-law be submitted to the electors entitled to vote on such at the municipal elections on 1st January next, with the same returning officers and at the same polling places as named in the by-law now advertised ;

And further that said by-law be duly advertised in the city papers.

The motion was defeated on the following vote:—

Yeas—Pritchard, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Higgins, Browne, Minhinnick, Sharman and Becher.—9.

Nays—Hunt, Birrell, Hyman, Murray, O'Meara, Beattie, Ferguson, Boyd, Buckle, Macbeth, Peel.—11.

The Council then adjourned for one week.